

Substitute Bill No. 1086

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2003) Each individual health 2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in 3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or 4 5 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2003, shall provide coverage for medical nutrition therapy services ordered by a licensed 6 7 physician for the treatment or management of cancer or heart disease, except such coverage shall not be required for preventive services. As 8 used in this section, "medical nutrition therapy services" means 10 nutrition-related diagnostic, therapy and counseling services provided 11 by a certified dietitian-nutritionist, certified dietitian or certified 12 nutritionist.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2003) Each group health insurance 14 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), 15 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, 16 issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state on or 17 after October 1, 2003, shall provide coverage for medical nutrition 18 therapy services ordered by a licensed physician for the treatment or 19 management of cancer or heart disease. As used in this section, 20 "medical nutrition therapy services" means nutrition-related

- 21 diagnostic, therapy and counseling services provided by a certified
- 22 dietitian-nutritionist, certified dietitian or certified nutritionist.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003
Sec. 2	October 1, 2003

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